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DELAWARE NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICE

WHAT'S UP!!!

Educational Boost

State and Federal TA, GI Bill
Delaware Leadership Academy.

GI Bill Tips

From MAJ Jeremy M. Serafin NGB

Tip #1 make sure your soldiers are sending in their applications digitally. This is thru the VONAPP process, that they can submit a digital application vice printing it out and mailing it in. The digital process will be worked by the 3rd business day; however, with the manual process of mailing it in, it takes about 2 weeks longer for them to process. First the paperwork must be scanned and then a case file is built. Also they claim they have never lost a digital application: however, they would not say that for a manual application.

Tip#2 upload any and all supporting documentation when you digitally do the VONAPP application. Everything you send VA will be place in your electronic file. Especially remember to upload all supporting documentation such as NOBE's, Kickers, DD214's, orders, 22's and 23's. On this one I would go with more is better.

Tip #3 it's better to use the "right now website" thru the VA vice a phone call. Typical response time thru this is usually 24 hours. All calls currently go thru the Oklahoma RPO, which might not be handling your case and don't have your files. Using the right now emails system, it will be sent to the correct RPO who is working your case, its located on the www.gibill.va.gov website under contact us.

State Tuition Assistance:

Eligibility Guidelines: All active Delaware National Guard members in good standing and attend an accredited ***Public** or ****Private School** within the State either Full time or Part time. This program has a 10 year window, which starts when your first application is filed. Members must also complete a six year obligation with the DNG.

DNG FORM 600-1 Application Form
DNG FORM 600-4 Reimbursement
Claim Form

State of Delaware employee vendor
ID request for direct deposit of State
Tuition Reimbursement.

<http://delawarenationalguard.com/members/jfhq/education/statetuition.cfm>

*** Public Schools in Delaware are 100% Tuition Reimbursement**

www.dtcc.edu \$1236.00/semester
www.udel.edu \$4270.00/semester
www.desu.edu \$3240.50/semester

**** Private Schools** in Delaware are reimbursed up to \$243 per credit hour:

www.goldey.gbc.edu
www.springfieldcollege.edu
www.strayer.edu
www.wesley.edu
www.wcnc.wesley.edu
www.dcad.edu

www.widener.edu

www.wilmu.edu

Montgomery GI Bill:

To eliminate any confusion: The Montgomery GI Bill consists of the following programs: Chapter 1606 and Kicker, Chapter 1607 (REAP), Chapter 30 (Active Duty), and Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill). Please call your educational representative or visit the below website for help in maximizing your educational benefits.

www.gibill.va.gov

Federal Tuition Assistance:

New policy: NGB has notified all State Education Service Offices, Soldier's grades must be submitted to the education office within **45 days** after completion of the academic term. If not, the Soldier will be locked out the system and will not receive Federal TA. The previous policy was **90 days**.

Delaware Leadership Academy:

The Delaware Leadership Academy is preparing for its third academic year. The incoming class has been selected and will start SEP 2010. After successful completion of DLA, graduates will earn 18 free credits towards a Master of Science in Military Leadership from Wilmington University.



SELF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Army e-Learning Program –
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/portal/index.jsp>

Army Correspondence Course Program -
<http://www.atsc.army.mil/accp/aipdnew.asp>

Army Reserve Virtual University -
<https://port1.dcmsnet.org/dcmsvc/default.asp>

Combat Readiness University –
<https://crc.learn.army.mil/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>

DANTES Distance Learning –
<http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantesweb/DANTESHOME.asp>

Free Pre-Test Websites –
<http://www.petersons.com/dantes/>
<https://www.march2success.com/index.cfm>

FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES:

FAFSA available ONLINE -
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before012.htm>

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES:

Virtual Armory –
www.virtualarmory.com

Department of Veterans Affairs Website –
www.gibill.va.gov

Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Scholarship Program
http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_va_ic.asp

Scholarships for Military Children–
<http://www.militaryscholar.org/>

National Military Family Association -
<http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer>

Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts –
<https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>

Heroes at Home Scholarship -
<http://www.royalneighbors.org/Community/RoyalNeighborsFoundation/HeroesatHomeScholarships.aspx>

Thanks USA –
<http://www.thanksusa.org/main/index.html>

Heratio Alger Association –
<http://www.horatioalger.org/>

Fisher House –

<http://www.fisherhouse.org/>

Homefront America –
<http://www.homefrontamerica.org>

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Deadline for State Applications::

Spring Semester: March 15
Summer Semester: June 15
Fall Semester: September 15
Winter Semester: January 15

Federal Tuition Assistance:

<https://minuteman.army.mil/benefits>
to download your Statement of

Understanding and upload it back to the site.